

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 58TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT (HOLLAND, MICHIGAN)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

v

File No. HL-19-74666-FY

JUAN SANDRO CABRERA,

Defendant.

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FELONY WARRANT

BEFORE HON. BRADLEY KNOLL

Holland, Michigan - Monday, February 18, 2019

APPEARANCES:

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1 Holland, Michigan

2 Monday, February 18, 2019 - 3:49 p.m.

3 (Court and Detective Tamminga present)

4 THE COURT: All right. I have before me, File  
5 19-74666-FY, State of Michigan versus Juan Sandro Cabrera.  
6 That's J-u-a-n, S-a-n-d-r-o, C-a-b-r-e-r-a. Date of birth  
7 12-25-2000. Detective Tamminga is here from the Ottawa  
8 County Sheriff's Department to swear to a three-count  
9 Felony Complaint. Count One, Homicide-Open Murder, Count  
10 Two, Gang Membership-Felony, and Count Three, Felony  
11 Firearm. Detective, would you raise your right hand? Do  
12 you solemnly swear the testimony you give in this matter  
13 be the truth?

14 DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Yes, I do, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: All right. What do you have to  
16 establish probable cause with respect to this Complaint?

17 DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Your Honor, on February 16  
18 of 2019, at about 12:04 a.m., Ottawa County deputies were  
19 sent to the Hampton Inn hotel located in Holland Township  
20 of Ottawa County, related to several shots that had been  
21 fired in the hotel. As a result of that, deputies found  
22 the victim, Troy Wells, Junior, who's also known as TJ,  
23 shot numerous times in a hall -- and he was laying on the  
24 floor in the hallway. He was later dec -- deceased by the  
25 time they had arrival at the hospital, as a result of

1           those numerous gunshot wounds. Initial investigation  
2           identified that a -- a Claudio Estrada was a suspect in  
3           this case, but the invest -- as the investigation  
4           progressed, we identified that Claudio was in Texas at the  
5           time of the shooting, and was cleared as a suspect in this  
6           case. Investigators identified a subject as Witness  
7           Number One in this case, who said that prior to the  
8           shooting, this witness had communication with the victim,  
9           TJ, and told TJ not to come to the Hampton Inn, because  
10          there were Latin Kings there that were partying. Witness  
11          Number One was invited to the Latin King party in Room  
12          Number 230 by a subject named Julio Palomaras. That's P-  
13          a-l-o-m-a-r-e-s, --

14                 THE COURT: Okay.

15                 DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: -- and Julio was an  
16          occupant of Room 230, and Witness Number One identified  
17          Julio as a Latin King gang member. Witness Number One  
18          said that TJ is known by him -- or by this witness, to be  
19          a GD, which is an acronym for Gangster Disciple, and is a  
20          rival gang to the Latin Kings. Witness Number One was  
21          told by the occupants in Room 230, who are Latin Kings,  
22          not to invite " -- or not to "invite no ops", which this  
23          witness -- was known to this witness to mean an opposition  
24          gang member to the Latin Kings. Witness Number One was  
25          shown an AR-15 rifle by Julio Palomaras, while in Room

1           230, and was told that the guns were there in case any  
2           opposition gang members showed up to the party. Witness  
3           Number One said just prior to the shooting, this witness  
4           saw TJ in the hallway of the hotel, and that TJ was making  
5           statements, "King Killer", while in a verbal argument with  
6           Julio Palomaras, who is a Latin King.

7           Investigators identified a second person as  
8           Witness Number Two, who said that while they were in the  
9           hallway near Room 230, this witness heard Julio Palomaras  
10          say to the victim, "You're a G" and that the victim, TJ,  
11          replied, "You're a King" and then the two of them bumped  
12          their chests together. Witness Number Two saw the barrel  
13          of a gun come out of Room 230, and shoot the victim at  
14          that point.

15          A third witness was identified and interviewed,  
16          and Witness Number Three said that they were in the room,  
17          Number 230, at the Hampton Inn, when the shooting  
18          occurred. Witness Number Three said that someone knocked  
19          on the door to the hotel room, and when the door opened,  
20          Witness Number Three saw TJ standing in the hallway, and  
21          he pulled his pants up like he was going to fight.

22          Witness Number Three said that Juan Cabrera was one of the  
23          occupants of Number 230, Room Number 230, and that this  
24          witness saw Juan Cabrera go to the doorway in Room 230  
25          with the gun, and shoot TJ several times. After the

1 shooting, Juan Cabrera ran from the hotel room, and that  
2 -- Witness Number Three said that they know Juan Cabrera  
3 to be a Latin King gang member, as well.

4 Ottawa County deputies searched Room Number 230  
5 at the Hampton Inn and found two AR-15-style rifles, along  
6 with numerous empty shell casings in the room.

7 THE COURT: All right. Just so I can restate my  
8 understanding of the testimony that you've given here,  
9 Detective. The Complaint is based on the statements given  
10 to you by two witnesses known to you, whose identities are  
11 known to you, but --

12 DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Yes.

13 THE COURT: -- for protection purposes,  
14 identified as Witnesses One, Two, and Three in your  
15 narrative, is that correct?

16 DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Yes, that's correct.

17 THE COURT: All right. And that Room 230 at the  
18 Hampton Inn in Holland was in Holland Township, and that  
19 there was a party going on in Room 230 that involved Latin  
20 King gang members, is that correct?

21 DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Yes, that's correct.

22 THE COURT: You've identified two specific  
23 people who were in that room, who were known to law  
24 enforcement, and were known to the witnesses to be Latin  
25 King members, specifically, Julio Palomaras and the

1                   Defendant, Juan Cabrera?

2                   DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Yes, that's correct.

3                   THE COURT: All right. And Witness One, Number  
4                   One, indicated to you that he believed that Troy Wells,  
5                   Junior, known as TJ, was a member of the GD, which is  
6                   short for Gangster Disciples, and that Witness Number One  
7                   was also aware of the fact that Latin King members knew  
8                   that person to be a member of the opposition gang, is that  
9                   correct?

10                  DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Yes, Your Honor.

11                  THE COURT: All right. And in fact, just prior  
12                  to shooting, Witness Number Two observed an argument going  
13                  on between Palomaras and TJ Wells, where each was accusing  
14                  the other of gang membership, is that correct?

15                  DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: That is correct, Your  
16                  Honor.

17                  THE COURT: All right. And that Witness Number  
18                  Three was inside the room, 230, when the door opened, and  
19                  that witness observed TJ Wells in the hallway looking as  
20                  if he was preparing to fight with some unidentified  
21                  person, presumably Palomaras, at which point ... (gender  
22                  specific pronoun deleted by Court) saw that Mr. Cabrera  
23                  then began firing his AR-15-style weapon at Mr. Wells, is  
24                  that correct?

25                  DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: That is correct, Your

1 Honor.

2 THE COURT: All right. And ... (gender specific  
3 pronoun deleted by Court) observed him to be struck by the  
4 bullets?

5 DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Either she or he?

7 DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Yes.

8 THE COURT: All right. Court's satisfied, based  
9 on testimony, Detective, that the three charged --  
10 authorized -- three authorized charges of Open Murder; a  
11 felony committed as a result of Gang Membership, Count  
12 Two; and Felony Firearm, Count Three; have all been  
13 established by probable cause, and I will issue --  
14 authorize the filing of that Complaint and issue a warrant  
15 for the arrest of Mr. Cabrera. Does Mr. Cabrera bear a  
16 resemblance to Mr. Estrada?

17 DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Yes, the physical  
18 descriptions are very similar; height, weight, ethnicity.

19 THE COURT: All right. And the original  
20 identification of Mr. Estrada was based on some sort of  
21 social media photograph?

22 DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Yes, it was.

23 THE COURT: All right.

24 DETECTIVE TAMMINGA: Thank you, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: I think we're all set.

(At time 4:01 p.m., proceedings concluded)

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